



SURF CITY TOWN COUNCIL REGULAR MINUTES
Tuesday, April 2, 2019
Surf City Town Hall – 201 Community Center Drive

Council Present:

Douglas C. Medlin, Mayor
William J. (Buddy) Fowler, Mayor Pro-Tem
Nelva Albury
Donald R. Helms
Teresa Batts
Jeremy Shugarts

- I. CALL TO ORDER – Douglas C. Medlin, Mayor
- II. INVOCATION – William J. (Buddy) Fowler, Mayor Pro-Tem
- III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE - Donald R. Helms, Councilman

IV. MAYOR'S REMARKS –

We ask that all in attendance please set your cell phones to silent or vibrate mode. The Council offers the public an opportunities to speak during the meeting. Comments should be limited to three minutes each and must be directly issue-oriented with agenda items for this meeting, or an issue upon which the Council has control.

Citizen speakers will be acknowledged in the order in which they sign up to speak and will address all comments to the Board as a whole and not one individual Council member. Speakers will address the Council from the speaker's podium at the front of the room and will begin their remarks by stating their name and address. Discussions between Speakers and members of the audience will not be allowed. Public comment is not intended to require the Council to answer any impromptu questions. Speakers are expected to be civil in their language and presentation. Any comments where the primary purpose is to promote business or candidacy shall not be allowed.

In accordance with the Council's adopted Rules of Procedures, Councilmembers shall reserve responses, if any, for the Council Forum on the agenda.

V. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Mr. Fowler made a motion to adopt the agenda as presented. Mr. Fowler seconded the motion and it was carried.

VI. PROCLAMATION-

National Service Recognition Day – April 9th

VII. APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT AGENDA –

1. Approval of the Meeting Minutes- March 5th & 15th, 2019
 2. 2019 Meetings & Holiday Schedule Amendment
 3. Site Plan Approval – Watkins Flooring
 4. Resolution 2019-11 Surplus Property
 5. Budget Ordinance Amendment – Fee Schedule Amendment – Roll Back Service
- *Items under Consent are generally of a routine nature. The Board may take action to approve/disapprove all items in a single vote. Any item may be withheld from a general action, to be discussed and voted upon separately at the discretion of the Council.***

Mr. Fowler made a motion to approve the consent agenda as presented. Mr. Helms seconded the motion and it was approved.

VII. PUBLIC HEARING –

6. Re-Zoning- 220 JH Batts Road, .8 +/- Acres, Pender County Pin 4235-34-5384-0000. From RA-Rural Agricultural to MU Mixed Use

Open Public Hearing at 6:36pm

Mr. David Gilbride 8013 8th St. stated this is a case of spot zoning his reasoning was that it was not consistent with surrounding zoning classifications. He gave the NC State statue regarding inconsistent zoning. He also stated he believed the property in question was owned by the Newsome family to which he alleged was related to the previous planning board chairman.

Public Hearing Closed 6:38pm

Mrs. Loftis read out loud the Consistency Statement Resolution.

Mr. Helms made a motion to approve the re-zoning of 220 JH Batts Road to MU-Mixed Use and the resolution of consistency statement. Mrs. Batts seconded the motion and it was carried.

VIII. GENERAL ITEMS –

7. Ordinance Amendment – Section 6 Emergency Management

Mrs. Loftis gave background information on the adoption of the ordinance amendment.

Mr. Helms made a motion to approve the ordinance amendment as presented. Mr. Fowler seconded the motion and it was carried.

8. Resolution on Directing the Clerk to investigate a petition for satellite volunteer annexation and set a public hearing – 3.54 +/- on Shepards Road Pender County Pin4236-14-8353-0000

Mrs. Albury made a motion to approve the resolution directing the clerk to investigate the petition for satellite annexation and set the public hearing for May 7th at 6:30pm; and send the property to the Planning Board for a zoning recommendation. Mr. Fowler seconded the motion and it was carried.

VII. PUBLIC COMMENT– Citizens have an opportunity to address the Council for no more than three minutes per speaker on topics which concern agenda items of this meeting.

Mrs. Patty Gilbride 8013 8th St discussed her concerns with the speed-limit on Hwy 50/210, and her support of Chief Shanahan in his request of the reduction of the speed. She explained that council came to a consensus to move forward with a traffic study performed by the NCDOT. She gave statistics for pedestrians who could be potentially be wounded by a pedestrian/vehicular accident. She ask for them to re-consider the traffic study.

Bob Pelon 1225 N. Shore Drive discussed that is was a second-row property owner and that he wanted Surf City to be successful, he ask the Mayor and Council to work together for the good of Surf City. He stated based on his observations that as of the 21st March, it was the 5th time that water from the ocean had breached the roads and come onto N. New River Drive; and that trash litters the new bridge. He asked for polices on public parking, leash law and litter.

Bob Souharda 602 Greenhow Court expressed concern over the new bridge and the great need for proper signage. He discussed the topic of cars stopping in the roundabout because they were lost as to which direction to go. He suggested painting the road with arrows to illustrate which way to go. He asked the council to take a hard stand with NCDOT and get the project completed.

Marty Martin 1825 N. New River Drive gave thanks to the police department for their home inspections and safety check when residents are away. He asked the council to reach out to Mrs. Carter with NCDOT and get some insights for signage on the bridge. He stated he reads the minutes while he has been away, and he asked if you could say what you wanted during the public comment period. He asked for homeowners to work together on the mega-decks.

Andy Pleil 17 W. Ridge discussed an issue with the new solid waste contract, and that island residents will have to pay more for services. He expressed his dis-like for the seasonal Friday pickup, and that it may create a special class and violates a non-discriminatory act. He has act for an opt-in service for Friday pickups.

VIII. COUNCIL FORUM

Mrs. Batts discussed the details of the Topsail Island Shoreline Protection Commission members who recently visited Washington DC and met with both federal and state representatives. They spoke with them about the need for hurricane recovery and the safe, health and welfare of our citizens. She thanked council for the Emergency Management ordinance approval; and that Mr. Horne is working diligently with staff members to update their sections and the Emergency Management documents. The new Emergency Management website is currently up and running. The department is in its final stages of selecting its task force committee members. She thanked the community for the Out of the Darkness Walk, the School Fundraisers, and the Reel Housewives Bike Ride. She expressed her gratuity for how well the members of this community take care of each other.

Mr. Fowler thanked the Boy Scouts for attending the meeting. He spoke on the Mountains to Sea Trail Conference the past weekend, and that it brought over 250 participants to town. He stated the town is working with NCDOT on signage and litter on the bridge. We must remember we are

a year in advance from where we were planned to finish. NCDOT stated they have a contract to clean the bridge once a month, but we understand that is not enough. We are working to move things along as fast as we can. He discussed that our legal counsel will look at the solid waste contract. He stated that the Chamber is working very hard to get the word out that we are open and preparing for the summer season.

Mrs. Albury thanked the Boy Scouts for their attendance and the importance of Scouts in young children's lives. She discussed that the recovery takes time and need to have patience with each other. She stated she wants to do all she can for everyone, but things take time and money, but the town works hard for each and every one.

Mr. Shugarts thanked the public for their comments. He announced that there is a new Rotary in town. He thanked Ashley for her hard work on getting the bridge cleaned up, he asks that employees be more mindful as the drive around town and sees things in the road to take the time to pick it up. He stated his wife is coaching the middle school volleyball team and they are currently un-defeated. He stated he had mixed feelings for the solid waste contract and the non-optional seasonal service, but the benefit much out-ways the cost, if this keeps our beaches clean.

Mr. Helms thanked everyone for coming out tonight and wished everyone a Happy Easter. He thanked the countless volunteers that help at the Fire Department. He gave Fire Department statistics.

Mayor thanked everyone for attending. He discussed that we are still working to get things back to normalcy and that Surf City would be stronger than ever. He discussed that staff has been cleaning the walkway on the bridge on a regular basis. He gave an update on the department pre-meeting, that one hour before each regular scheduled council meeting staff is here to meet with the public on any topics, needs or concerns they may have that need to be addressed. On May 11 from 9am-Noon the Beautification Committee is hosting a street sweep. He asked that everyone look out for all the bicycles this weekend that are participating in the Reel Housewives of Topsail Island, a very worthy cause to raise money for families affected by breast cancer.

IX. MANAGER'S REPORT

Mrs. Loftis stated a moving permit request came in for 7021 7th St. to re-locate the house outside of Surf City town limits

Mrs. Albury made motion to approve the house moving. Mr. Helms seconded the motion and it was carried.

Mrs. Loftis stated they met with the Golden Leaf Foundation last week regarding funding for Town hall and Nelva Albury Park. We have received notification from our engineer that the contractor is continually shaping the dunes and they do have to come back to some areas for some re-shaping so it will be on continuous dune.

X. TOWN ATTORNEY REPORTS

XI. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Helms made a motion to adjourn. Mrs. Batts seconded the motion and it was carried.